

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 28, 2011. By means of the present amendment, independent the claims have been amended for better clarity. Accordingly, no new issues requiring a new search have been introduced and entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-10 and 12-16 are pending in this application, where claims 7, 11 and 17 have been currently canceled without prejudice, and claim 3 had been previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 5 are independent.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10 and 12-16 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10 and 12-16 are allowed.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that not all the references includes in the specification and the International Search report have been filed with an information disclosure statement (IDS). The undersigned attorney gratefully acknowledges this indication and will advise the Applicant of the issue raised with regard to filing a further IDS, if needed.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 7 and 17 for certain informalities. In response, claims 7 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice. The

cancellation of claims 7 and 17 renders moot this objection with regard to these claims.

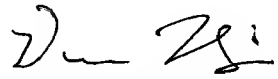
In the Final Office Action, claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Without agreeing with the position forwarded in the Final Office Action and in the interest of advancing prosecution, claim 11 has been canceled without prejudice. claim 11 has been canceled without prejudice. The cancellation of claim 11 renders moot this rejection with regard to this claim.

In the Final Office Action, claims 7 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In response, claims 7 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice. The cancellation of claims 7 and 17 renders moot this rejection with regard to these claims.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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